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TITLE: SHADOW MASK FOR A CATHODE RAY TUBE) AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on June 26, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination and a Request for two-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to August 26, 2004. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.